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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : DR. THORSTEN KRAWINKEL  
SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
FILED : HEREWITH  
FOR : ADHESIVE SHEET STRIPS  
ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED  
EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

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February 14, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. A process for producing an adhesive sheet strip as claimed in claim 1, which comprises using a pressure sensitive adhesive, where appropriate on a stretchable backing.

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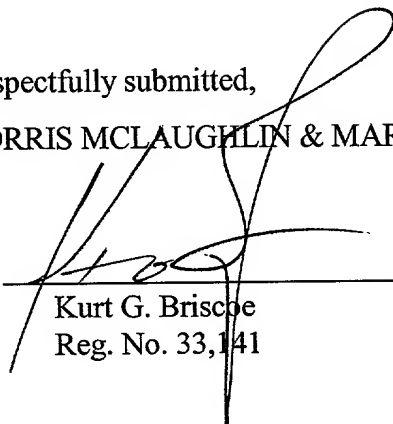
REMARKS

The amendment above eliminates multiple dependencies, and place the claim in better form for U.S. examination.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**MARK-UP SHOWING THE CHANGES MADE IN THE PREVIOUS CLAIM TO YIELD  
THE CLAIM AS AMENDED ABOVE**

9. A process for producing an adhesive sheet strip as claimed in [claims 1 – 8] claim 1,  
which comprises using a pressure sensitive adhesive [as set forth in any of claims 1 – 8],  
where appropriate on a stretchable backing.